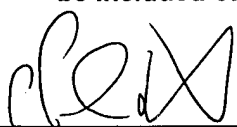
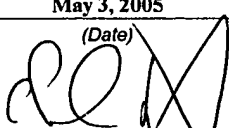
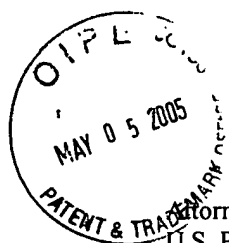


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. This Office Action included a Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby elects Species A; Claims 1-13 and 15-27 for examination without traverse. Applicant hereby withdraws from consideration Species B; Claims 14 and 28.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached Annotated Sheets and Replacement Sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a full set of annotated drawings and a full set of replacement drawings is attached following page 15 of this paper.